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- 1. WE WELCOME MATANO'S FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF PLANNING TALKS DISCUSSIONS. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO HIM:
- 2. WE ACCEPT MATANO'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE COVERED IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF NORTHEAST ASIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS RESPECTIVELY. OUR PAPERS ARE ALREADY WELL ALONG IN THEIR PREPARATION, HOWEVER, AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ADJUSTING THE NORTHEAST ASIA PAPER TO COVER BROAD ASPECTS OF MAJOR POWER RELATIONSHIPS IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT. WE WILL BE PREPARED OF COURSE TO ADDRESS POST-HELSINKI SOVIET AND CHINESE POLICY MOVES IN AREAS BEYOND NORTHEAST ASIA IN THE DISCUSSION ITSELF.
- 3. WE ARE PREPARING SEPARATE PAPERS ON NORTHEAST ASIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AS WELL AS A PAPER ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. WE FIND IT SIMPLERTO HANDLE THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST CONFIDENTIAL

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ASIAN QUESTIONS IN A DISCRETE FASHION IN SEPARATE PAPERS.

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO TRANSMIT THESE PAPERS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26. SHOULD WE INFER FROM REFTEL THAT THIS EXCHANGE SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON?

OR WOULD THEY PREFER THAT WE TRANSMIT OUR PAPERS BY CABLE OR COURIER FOR EXCHANGE IN TOKYO?

- 4. AS ALWAYS, WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO A LIVELY AND INFOR-MAL EXCHANGE ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL TRENDS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.
- 5. SCHEDULE LOOKS FINE.
- 6. TENTATIVELY THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS LOOKS AS FOLLOWS (ALL VIA NW 3 ETA TOKYO 1800 LOCAL FEBRUARY 6):

WINSTON LORD (DIRECTOR S/P)
GEORGE VEST (DIRECTOR PM)
MIKE ARMACOST (S/P)
DICK FINN (S/P)
MIKE ELY (S/P)
PETER SWIERS (S/P)
BILL SHERMAN (EA/J COUNTRY DIRECTOR)
NSC STAFF MEMBER -- UNDETERMINED AS YET.

PLEASE OBTAIN SINGLE ROOMS FOR MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION AT OKURA HOTEL FOR FEBRUARY 6 AND 9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE FLIGHTS, ETA, ROOM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS OUR PLANS FIRM UP. KISSINGER

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